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FM AMEMBASSY SAN JOSE

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 4368

INFO AMEMBASSY GUATEMALA

AMEMBASSY MANAGUA

AMEMBASSY SAN SALVEFOR

AMEMBASSY TEGUCIGALPA

UNCLAS SAN JOSE 2257

GUATEMALA FOR ROCAP

E. O. 11652: N/ A

TAGS: PFOR, XK

SUBJ: FACIO FORMALIZES VYECA POSITION

REF: SAN JOSE 2225 & GUATEMALA 3023

1. IN A LETTER TO ODECA SYG ALFARO FERNANDEZ, PUBLISHED JUNE 22 IN SAN JOSE PRESS, COSTA RICAN FOREIGN MINISTER FACIO REITERATED HIS ATTACK ON ODECA AND INFORMED FERNANDEZ THAT COSTA RICA WOULD NOT PAY ITS ODECA ARREARS OR THIS YEAR'S ASSESSMENT IN ORDER TO ENCOURAGE A TOTAL REDUCTION OF ITS PROGRAMS AND A REDUCTION OF ITS ADMINISTRATIVE PERSONNEL.

2. IN HIS LETTER, MAJOR EXTRACTS OF WHICH WERE PRINTED IN THE PRESS, FACIO ASSERTED THAT ODECA HAS NOT FUNCTIONED NORMALLY  
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FOR MORE THAN FOUR YEARS, SINCE HONDURAS  
WITHDREW FROM THE ORGANIZATION. IN THE  
ABSENCE OF HONDURAS, HE NOTED, ODECA  
HAS NOT BEEN ABLE TO MAKE IMPORTANT  
DECISIONS AND ITS FINANCIAL CONDITION  
HAS BEEN IMPAIRED. MOREOVER, WITH NICARAGUAN'S  
DECISION TO STOP ITS CONTRIBUTION IN THE  
WAKE OF THE EARTHQUAKE, THE REMAINING THREE  
MEMBER COUNTRIES HAVE HAD TO TAKE UP THE  
FINANCIAL SLACK WHILE ORGANIZATIONAL  
EFFECTIVENESS HAS CONTINUED TO DIMINISH.

3. FACIO REFERRED TO THE COSTA RICAN POSITION  
ON ODECA TAKEN BY SALAZAR NAVARRETE IN INFORMAL  
MEETINGS IN WASHINGTON WITH FOREIGN MINISTERS  
OF GUATEMALA, EL SALVADOR AND NICARAGUA  
OVER ODECA'S FUTURE. IN THAT MEETING, HE  
SAID, COSTA RICA HAD ARGUED THAT ODECA  
SHOULD, AS LONG AS THE MEMBERSHIP AND  
FINANCIAL CRISIS CONTINUES, BE RETAINED  
AS "ONLY A SYMBOL OF THE CENTRAL AMERICAN  
STATES' ASPIRATIONS FOR UNITY AND ABANDON  
ALL THE AMBITIOUS PROGRAMS ADOPTED  
DURING ITS PERIOD OF NORMAL FUNCTIONING".

4. FURTHER ON FACIO RECOMMENDS THAT  
DURING THIS "PERIOD OF ABNORMALITY"  
ODECA SHOULD BE REDUCED TO ONE OFFICER,  
A SECRETARY GENERAL AD INTERIM, AND  
A COUPLE OF SECRETARIES.  
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